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## Newsletter #1:

### What's New at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.

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Dear Friends and Customers,

This is my very first newsletter! If you received this today it is because you either have 1) purchased from me in the past or 2) I like you and want to keep you informed on what is going on with the coin world. If at any time these emails are annoying then just send me a note and I'll remove your name immediately.

This is a weekly update on new exciting coins I have to offer or information on the coin world. So.....here goes!

#### New York International Coin Fair 2017 and 2018

First of all, Happy New Year to all. I hope 2017 proves to be a good year for everyone. We just finished a very successful New York International Show. I was there attending the Triton Auction which was quite busy! There were many amazing pieces and the hammer prices were strong. The show seemed to be hopping as well and notably this is the last year that the show will be held at the Waldorf Astoria, as the historic hotel will shut down for a lengthy renovation project. The 2018 auctions and show will be held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel at 109 East 42nd Street. This is relatively close to the other location and I've been told that it will be one large room, as opposed to several small ones, so better for all the dealers in the end. If all goes well I'm planning to have a table there.

#### Upcoming Auctions

As many of you know I attend some of the major auctions in the U.S. and in Europe.

I'm hoping to eventually add a show in Hong Kong at some point we well. The next auction and show I will attend is the Numismata in Munich on March 4-5. Just following this trade show I will offer representation services at the Gorny & Mosch auction, which will take place March 5-9. If you would like me to send you a paper catalog for this auction please let me know so I can call G&M to send extra catalogs.

Otherwise, the auction will be found eventually on Sixbid or NumiBids (whichever platform you prefer). For the G&M auction I will offer my services to customers for

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### Featured Coin

The featured coin this week is a fabulous tetradrachm from Sicily, Messana. This was part of the Dr. Athos Moretti Collection. Ex NAC 13 (1998), lot 363 and was a plate coin in the major references on Messana, AMB, (H.A. Cahn) and Caccamo Caltabiano.

The leaping hare is a well-known image on the coinage of Messana. The hare can be elongated and thin or almost a caricature of a bunny. Either way, they are fabulously popular coins and for good reason. The imagery is bold and it shows the talent of the die engravers of the time. The hare was considered a good luck symbol among other things and there are several varieties of hares that can be found within the Sicilian coinage series.

The obverse imagery of a biga of mules with a driver signifies the success of Anaxilas, at the Olympic games.

This coin is available for purchase from Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc. and can be found on my website [www.shannaschmidt.com](http://www.shannaschmidt.com)

Happy Collecting!

Shanna



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